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have. These are just questions in my mind and I'm wondering if this has been coordinated with LB 900 yet or what you may had been thinking...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...in that regard, and I would certainly give you, Senator, the remaining of my time to comment on that.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Thank you, Senator Beutler. One of the things we were going to try to do was wait until...see what the results of LB 900 were and see if there was some way we should coordinate, as you suggested, on Select File, so that is in the back of our minds. We intend to do that. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Dierks, you're recognized to close on the advancement of LB 957. Senator Dierks waives closing. The question is the advancement of LB 957 to E & R Initial. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The bill is advanced. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LB 957A was introduced by Senator Dierks. (Read title.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Dierks, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. LB 957A provides for the funding for the duties of the Natural Resources Commission under the bill. You will note that the bill calls for \$220,000 dollars of state funds and \$80,000 appropriation of Cash Funds. The bulk of the cost of the bill is in the performance of the assessment under Section 5 of LB 957. The bill provides that the Natural Resources Commission may contract with the Natural Resources Conservation